

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method for information monitoring, delivery, and notification comprising:

receiving registering a user request for information;

receiving registering user-specified criteria for delivery of the requested information in response to a future triggering event independent of locating the information;

monitoring [[an]] one or more information sources for the triggering event specified in ~~satisfaction of~~ the delivery criteria;

automatically delivering the requested information from [[the]] a particular information source to an Internet-enabled television system in response to the delivery criteria being satisfied; and

notifying a user concerning the delivered information using the Internet-enabled television system.

2. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

reserving a communication channel for delivery of the requested information.

3. (original) The method of claim 2, wherein the reserved communication channel comprises an MPEG channel.

4. (original) The method of claim 3, wherein reserving a communication channel comprises:

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storing an indication of the reserved MPEG channel within a private information indexing table; and

transmitting the private information indexing table to the Internet-enabled television system.

5. (original) The method of claim 4, further comprising:

Q² setting an information monitoring trigger within the Internet-enabled television system for detecting information received on the reserved MPEG channel.

6. (original) The method of claim 3, wherein delivering comprises:

retrieving the requested information from the information source;
encoding the requested information for transmission using the reserved MPEG channel; and

transmitting the encoded information to the Internet-enabled television using a cable delivery network.

7. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

receiving a user selection of a notification format for the delivered information.

8. (original) The method of claim 7, wherein notifying a user comprises:

notifying the user concerning the delivered information using the selected notification format.

9. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein receiving a request for information comprises:

providing a hierarchically-arranged list of information categories; and

receiving a user selection of an information category from the hierarchically-arranged list.

10. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein the Internet-enabled television system provides a graphical user interface, and wherein notifying a user comprises: displaying the delivered information in a designated area of the graphical user interface.

11. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein notifying a user comprises: superimposing the delivered information over a television program displayed by the Internet-enabled television system.

12. (original) The method of claim 11, wherein superimposing the delivered information comprises:

horizontally scrolling the superimposed information in a ticker format.

13. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein notifying a user comprises: displaying a delivery notice on the Internet-enabled television system; and displaying the delivered information on the Internet-enabled television system in response to a subsequent user action.

14. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein notifying a user comprises: sending an e-mail message to the user comprising a notice of the delivered information.

15. (currently amended) A system for information monitoring, delivery, and notification comprising:

Q2 a user registration component configured to ~~receive~~ register a user request for information and to ~~receive~~ user-specified criteria for delivery of the requested information in response to a future triggering event independent of locating the information;

an information monitoring component configured to monitor [[an]] one or more information sources for the triggering event specified in ~~satisfaction of~~ the delivery criteria;

an information delivery component configured to automatically deliver the requested information from [[the]] a particular information source to an Internet-enabled television system in response to the delivery criteria being satisfied; and

a user notification component within the Internet-enabled television system configured to notify a user concerning the delivered information.

16. (original) The system of claim 15, further comprising:

a communication channel reservation component configured to reserve a communication channel for delivery of the requested information.

17. (currently amended) The system of claim ~~[[15]]~~16, wherein the reserved communication channel comprises an MPEG channel.

18. (original) The system of claim 17, wherein the communication channel reservation component is further configured to store an indication of the reserved MPEG channel within a private information indexing table and transmit the private information indexing table to the Internet-enabled television system.

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19. (original) The system of claim 18, wherein the user notification component is further configured to set an information monitoring trigger for detecting information received on the reserved MPEG channel.

20. (currently amended) The system of claim ~~[[15]]~~17, wherein the information delivery component is further configured to retrieve the requested information from the information source, encode the requested information for transmission using the reserved MPEG channel, and transmit the encoded information to the Internet-enabled television using a cable delivery network.

21. (original) The system of claim 15, wherein the user registration component is further configured to receive a user selection of a notification format for the delivered information.

22. (original) The system of claim 21, wherein the user notification component is further configured to notify the user concerning the delivered information using the selected notification format.

23. (original) The system of claim 15, wherein the user notification component is further configured to provide a hierarchically-arranged list of information categories and receive a user selection of an information category from the hierarchically-arranged list.

24. (original) The system of claim 15, wherein the Internet-enabled television system provides a graphical user interface, and wherein the notification component is further configured to display the delivered information in a designated area of the graphical user interface.

25. (original) The system of claim 15, wherein the user notification component is further configured to superimpose the delivered information over a television program displayed by the Internet-enabled television system.

26. (original) The system of claim 25, wherein the user notification component is further configured to horizontally scroll the superimposed information in a ticker format.

27. (original) The system of claim 15, wherein the user notification component is further configured to display a delivery notice on the Internet-enabled television system and displaying the delivered information on the Internet-enabled television system in response to a subsequent user action.

Q² 28. (original) The system of claim 15, wherein the user notification component is further configured to send an e-mail message to the user comprising a notice of the delivered information.

29. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the triggering event comprises a change in stock price.

30. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the triggering event comprises an impending broadcast of a particular television program.
